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**INVITATION TO PAY ADDITIONAL FEES  
AND, WHERE APPLICABLE, PROTEST FEE**  
(PCT Article 17(3)(a) and Rule 40.1 and 40.2(e))

Applicant's or agent's file reference  50018	Date of mailing (day/month/year)  <b>d</b> 3 March 2011 (03-03-2011)
International application No.  PCT/IL2010/000985	<b>PAYMENT DUE</b>  within <b>ONE MONTH</b> from the above date of mailing  International filing date (day/month/year)  24 November 2010 (24-11-2010)
Applicant  CONTIPI LTD.	

1. This International Searching Authority

- (i) considers that there are 2 (number of) inventions claimed in the international application covered by the claims indicated on an extra sheet;
- (ii) therefore considers that **the international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention** (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the reasons indicated on an extra sheet;
- (iii)  has carried out a partial international search (see Annex)  will establish the international search report on those parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:  
see extra sheet
- (iv) will establish the international search report on the other parts of the international application only if, and to the extent to which, additional fees are paid.

2. Consequently, the applicant is hereby **invited to pay**, within the time limit indicated above, the amount indicated below:

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Fee per additional invention		number of additional inventions	currency/total amount of additional fees

3. The applicant is informed that, according to Rule 40.2(c), **the payment of any additional fee may be made under protest**, i.e., a reasoned statement to the effect that the international application complies with the requirement of unity of invention or that the amount of the required additional fee is excessive, where applicable, subject to the payment of a protest fee. Where the applicant pays additional fees under protest, the applicant is hereby invited, within the time limit indicated above, to pay a protest fee (Rule 40.2(e)) in the amount of EUR 790,00 (currency/amount)

Where the applicant has not, within the time limit indicated above, paid the required protest fee, the protest will be considered not to have been made and the International Searching Authority will so declare.

4.  Claim(s) Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ have been found to be unsearchable under Article 17(2)(b) because of defects under Article 17(2)(a) and therefore have not been included with any invention.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-45

An apparatus for insertion into a human vagina for treating urinary incontinence, comprising a supporting section.

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2. claims: 46, 47

A method of packaging an urinary incontinence device.

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The present application lacks unity within the meaning of Rule 13.2 of the PCT for the following reasons:

Document WO-A-2008010214 cited in the present search report discloses an apparatus for insertion into a human vagina for treating urinary incontinence, comprising a supporting section and an anchoring section. Over this prior art the special technical features (in the meaning of PCT Rule 13.2) claimed in the application are:

Subject 1 (claims 1-18, 19-41, 42-43, 44-45): None.

Subject 2 (claims 46, 47): A method of packaging an urinary incontinence device.

No same or corresponding potential special technical feature can be found between any two of the above mentioned subjects. There is therefore no technical relationship involving same or corresponding potential special technical features between these two subjects. The inventions defined in the above mentioned subjects are thus not considered linked by a common inventive concept.

**Annex to Form PCT/ISA/206  
COMMUNICATION RELATING TO THE RESULTS  
OF THE PARTIAL INTERNATIONAL SEARCH**

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1. The present communication is an Annex to the invitation to pay additional fees (Form PCT/ISA/206). It shows the results of the international search established on the parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:
 

see 'Invitation to pay additional fees'
2. This communication is not the international search report which will be established according to Article 18 and Rule 43.
3. If the applicant does not pay any additional search fees, the information appearing in this communication will be considered as the result of the international search and will be included as such in the international search report.
4. If the applicant pays additional fees, the international search report will contain both the information appearing in this communication and the results of the international search on other parts of the international application for which such fees will have been paid.

**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category <sup>a</sup>	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>WO 2008/010214 A2 (CONTIPI LTD [IL]; ZIV ELAN [IL]; GILAN JACOB [IL]; SINAI NIR [IL]; BAU) 24 January 2008 (2008-01-24) cited in the application page 9, line 15 – line 19; figures 14, 20 page 19, line 14 – line 19 page 36, line 25 – page 37, line 32 page 49, line 9 – line 18</p> <p>-----</p> <p>WO 2005/087154 A2 (CONTIPI LTD [IL]; ZIV ELAN [IL]) 22 September 2005 (2005-09-22) cited in the application page 8, line 23 – page 11, line 19; figures 1,2,9-12</p> <p>-----</p> <p>WO 2009/044394 A2 (CONTIPI LTD [IL]; ZIV ELAN [IL]; PERLE AMIR [IL]; HIRSCHOWITZ ERAN [IL]) 9 April 2009 (2009-04-09) cited in the application page 12, line 30 – page 14, line 20; figures page 21, line 23 – line 26 page 28, line 8 – line 32</p> <p>-----</p>	1-45
X		1-22, 25-45
X		1-23, 25-45



Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.



Patent family members are listed in annex.

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- \*A\* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
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- \*X\* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
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- \*&\* document member of the same patent family

# Patent Family Annex

Information on patent family members

International Application No

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Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)			Publication date
WO 2008010214	A2	24-01-2008	AU	2007274574 A1	24-01-2008
			CN	101511302 A	19-08-2009
			EP	2046241 A2	15-04-2009
			US	2009318750 A1	24-12-2009
WO 2005087154	A2	22-09-2005	AU	2005221424 A1	22-09-2005
WO 2009044394	A2	09-04-2009	EP	2214587 A2	11-08-2010
			US	2010217068 A1	26-08-2010

## Important Information

### General:

- The **claims cannot be changed** at this point in the procedure, the transmitted report is **not** the international search report (see Art. 19 PCT).
- Any payment has to be made **directly** to this ISA, payments to other entities will not be accepted.
- In case of a **total of more than 2 inventions** found: when paying please **specify exactly** which claims should be searched (unless you pay for all inventions found)
- An **extension of the set time limit** cannot be granted.

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- For general information on the protest procedure at ISA/EP, please refer to the Special Edition No. 3 of the OJ of the EPO 2007, pages 140-145, [http://www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj007/08\\_07/special\\_edition\\_3\\_epc\\_2000\\_decisions.pdf](http://www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj007/08_07/special_edition_3_epc_2000_decisions.pdf)
- Any protest will **only be accepted** if, within the time limit set in the invitation, the additional fees for each invention to be searched **and** the protest fee are paid.
- The protest has to be **accompanied by a technical reasoning**.

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